

Exhibit 9A
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**ASSURANCE WITH RESPECT TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION
OF TITLE III OF THE UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY
ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970 AS AMENDED**

The _____ (Applicant) hereby assures that it has authority under applicable State and local law to comply with Section 213 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, 84 Stat. 1894 (42 U.S.C. 4601) as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, Title IV of Public Law 100-17, 101 Stat. 246-256 (42 U.S.C. 4601 note) and 49 CFR 1.48(cc); and certifies, assures and agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision set forth in the application.

1. For projects resulting in the displacement of any person:
 - a. It will adequately inform the public of the relocation payments and services which will be available as set forth in Subparts A, C, D and E of 49 CFR 24.
 - b. It will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments to displaced persons as required by Subparts D and E of 49 CFR 24.
 - c. It will provide a relocation assistance program for displaced persons offering services described in Subpart C of 49 CFR 24.
 - d. Comparable replacement dwellings will be available pursuant to Subpart F of 49 CFR 24, or provided if necessary, a reasonable period in advance of the time any person is displaced.
 - e. In acquiring real property, it will provide at least 90 days written notice to each lawful occupant of real property acquired, stating the date such occupant is required to move from a dwelling or to move his business or farm operation.
2. For projects resulting in the acquisition of real property:
 - a. It will fully comply with the requirements of Subpart B of 49 CFR 24.
 - b. It will adequately inform the public of the acquisition policies, requirements and payments which apply to the project.
 - c. It will make every effort to acquire real property expeditiously through negotiation.
 - d. Before the initiation of negotiations it will have the real property appraised and give the owner or his representative an opportunity to accompany the appraiser during inspection of the property, except as provided in 49 CFR 24.102(c)(2).

e. Before the initiation of negotiations it will establish an amount which it believes to be just compensation for the real property, and make a prompt offer to acquire the property for that amount; and at the same time it will provide the owner a written statement of the basis for such amount in accordance with 49 CFR 24.102.

f. Before requiring any owner to surrender possession of real property it will pay the agreed purchase price; or deposit with the court, for the benefit of the owner, an amount not less than the approved appraisal of the fair market value of the property; or pay the amount of the award of compensation in a condemnation proceeding for the property.

g. If interest in real property is to be acquired by exercise of the power of eminent domain, it will institute formal condemnation proceedings and not intentionally make it necessary for an owner to institute legal proceedings to prove the fact of the taking of this real property; and

h. It will offer to acquire the entire property, if acquisition of only part of a property would leave its owner with an uneconomic remnant.

References to 49 CFR are citations to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24, published in the Federal Register Vol. 54, No. 40, March 2, 1989.

This document is hereby made part of and incorporated in any contract or agreement, or any supplements and amendments thereto, relating to the above-identified application and shall be deemed to supersede any provision therein to the extent that such provisions conflict with the assurances or agreements provided therein.

(Legal Name of Applicant)

By _____
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

(Date)